defence services during the last two years;

(b) what was the target for the construction of these houses during the same period; and

(c) what is the target fixed for construction of these houses during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) 30,013 houses and dwelling units for Defence Services personnel were constructed during the last two years viz., 1984-85 and 1985-86.

(b) The target for these two years was 37,894.

(c) The target for next two years viz., 1986-87 and 1987-88 is 34,137.

Assistant Collectors working on ad-hoc basis in Customs and Central Excise Service

1915. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that class II officers promoted as Assistant Collectors of Customs and Central Excise have been working on an ad-hoc basis for the last eight years in the Customs and Central Excise and Enforcement directorate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Departmental Promotion Committee has not met since 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that no recruitment rules for the Indian Customs and Central Excise services have been formulated; and

(d) the time by when these rules will be framed and the officers working on ad-hoc posts will be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Regular promotions of Group 'B' officers to Group 'A' posts of Indian Customs and Central Excise Service were made upto 1979. Thereafter it was not possible to make regular promotions due to disputes relting to seniority in the Group 'B' feeder cadre which had been the subject matter of Court proceedings and which also contributed to the delay in finalisation of recruitment rules for the Service. As the vacancies could not be kept unfilled in the interest of collection of Government revenue the Group 'B' officers have been promoted, from time to time, on *ad hoc* basis.

Another reason for the delay in finalising the recruitment rules for Group 'A' of the Service was the need to finalise the recruitment rules for the feeder cadres. This has since been done and the recruitment rules for the Indian Customs and Central Excise Service, Group 'A' are now at an advanced stage of finalisation and all eligible officers will be considered for regular promotion.

Telecast and broadcast of national leaders

1916. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast and broadcast programmes on the lives of the following national leaders and contribution made by them to the freedom struggle 1. Shri C. R. Das, 2. Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, 3. Maulana Mohmood Husan, 4. Maulana Mohammed Ali, 5. Hakim Ajmal Khan, 6. Dr. M. A. Ansari, 7. Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, 8. Maulana Husain Ahmed Madni 9. Shri C. Raja Gopalachari, 10. Raja Mahendra Pratap, 11. Babu Kharak Singh, 12. Maula Barkatulla, 13. Maulana

Bhaidullah Sudhi 14. Dr. Syed Mohmood, 15. Pandit Sunder Lal, 16. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, 17. Maulana Hetzur Rahman, 18. Shri Vithal Bhai Patel, 19. Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlu; and

(b) biography of how many of these national leaders have been published or likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) The biographies of Shri C. R. Das, Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, Smt. Sarojini Naidu, Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, and Shri Vithal Bhai Patel have been brought out by the Publications Division and the biographies of Maulana Mohammed Ali, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Dr. M. A. Ansari and Shri C. Rajagopalachari have been taken up for publication.

Widening of the scope of Direct Taxes Act

1917. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen the scope of the direct tax act with a view to bring more assessees into the tax range; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) One of the objectives underlying the Government's tax policy has been to bring increasing number of taxpayers into tax net.

(b) To achieve this objective, deterrent measures like searches, survey, scrutiny of cases and prosecution have been intensified. The enforcement machinery of the Income-tax Department has been strengthened. The deterrent measures are accompanied by steps taken to encourage voluntary compliance through Summary Assessment Scheme and the Amnesty Scheme, which is in operation till 31.3.1987. Further, Clause 49 of the Finance Bill, 1987 proposes to widen the scope of tax deduction at source by providing that tax will have to be deducted at source in respect of any payment of fees for professional services or royalty or fees for technical services or rent or commission or brokerage made by any person other than an individual or Hindu undivided family. Payments for supply of goods to Government or any local authority etc. is also proposed to be made liable for deduction of tax at source.

Economic survey in Bihar

1918. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any economic survey in the State of Bihar regarding the per capita income of State during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) whether there has been any fall while comparing to the preceding years;

(c) if so, to what extent and what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The estimate of net State domestic product (State income) and per capita income are compiled by the respective State Governments at current and constant prices and furnished to the Central Statistical Organisation. The State Government of